MUSIC AND DEAMA.

"Incog," which is bill d for the Craw ford on Monday night date, has been cancelled on account of sickness in the com-

THE LECTURE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church is certainly to be congratulated on the most excellent display of talent it has presented in its winter lecture and entertain ment course. As lecturers it has already given us Dr. Robert Nourse in his great dramatic oration: "Dr. Jekyil and Mr. Hyde," and now it promises us with another rich treat in the lecture to be given next Monday evening by Dr. James Hedley, of Cleveland, Ohio, "The Sunny Side of life." This lecture, while it will be of an entirely different character from the first, will prove equally as great a lit-

The following from the pen of W. Clay Huston, of Ohio, is but a sample of the expressions of distinguished men regarding the lecturer and the lecture:

"Dr. James Hedley gave us by far the fluest number of our course, and it consisted of Couwed, Wendling, Powers, and the Letus Glee Cinb. Personally, I consider his inimitable lecture "The Sunny Side of Life," the fluest I ever heard. Our people were charmed, and the entire com-mittee in raptures over its delightful matter and manner

THE BURGLASS.

In the ordinary significance of the word burglar one looks for a rather rough, uucanny individual of uncertain education apart from that derived in his nefarious celling, and an oltogether undestrable acquisition to one's list of acquaintances. In Gus Thomas stage burglar the hero

of his famous four-act comedy drama cu-titted "The Barglar," the public is first introduced to a young, fine looking man, a husband, tather sed a we come member be social circles in which his family

is red in luxury and trained to affluence. this man had by his own volition tallen in evil ways and had become famous among the craft for his successful accomplish. ments of various burglaries. The story introduces him after a partial reformation and his marriage into a good family, where none had ever suspected him of a dual ex-Istence. One day meeting by chance a former nosorious companion in crime he is led back to his old calling, more by the desire for excitement than possible gain, notil capture of one member of the gang makes concealment further impossible, and can fronted at home by friends who desire to spare the wife knowledge of his real character is allowed to escape. In time ha is supposed to have died. Later there reap the wife's existence, a real burglary by the typical knight of the jimmy. In this is seen the uncouth degraded and disalpated house breaker plying his calling, uni discovered by a little child, who, stronge to relate, instead of being fright ened, is anxious her parents shall not be disturbed. During the course of an interview the burgiar discovers he is in the residence of his former wife, and talking to his own child. He is the supposed dead lower in crime, until a cailing adopted for excitement has from necessity and liking tragged to the depth of d-gradation a br ing once reared in refinement and luxury. At the Crawford Grand tonight.

The coming of the Burton-Coleman theatre-goers as an evening of laughter, and it is needless to state that these exwhen they will pre-ent the sensational comedy drams, "Si Perkin." It is community drams, "Si Perkin." It is comceded to be one of the funniest camedles on the road, naving a complication of funholds the audience in a continual round of merriment. Many specialties are latro duced inchiental to the play. The company is compased of a number specialists, including Miss Lillie Cole-man, who has been endorsed by the press this." and public as the premier of Spanish dan-Baby Lovell, who has created considerable comment by his clever work, Sam J Burton and G G. Vance are sure up. road. It is better than a circus parade. Was prepared.
Concert at 7 o'clock in front of the opera.

'He was in a house by the famous Pughtown band.

The First German Laviles society of this gity will give a "nord time deal," Jan 25. street. Prizes will be given to the persons wearing the most appropriate costumes. Everyone should attend as this will be a meal. He eat as though he en nevel and interesting affair, and a good an seemed oncommon socible. time is insured for all.

At the performance of "Jewell" Shaw's full orchestra played a late over use enti-tied the "Midway Plaisince," which made quite a bit with the audience. overture has passages from all the oriental and foreign airs heard in this part of the great fair, and its rendition was deeidedly a success. The piece gives ample scope for the "traps" man of the orchestr.

Mr. M. W. Levy got home from St. Louis yesterday morning looking as sound as a dollar and feering better than he has for time. For two or three months he has en applying himself too unremittingly to his varied business interests and to the bank and it had commenced to tell upon him and so his brief rest and a prescription from an eminent physician has about etraightened him out

ber along West Douglas avenue yesterday rather its use as the official cap of the While his wagon was between the tracks of the street car line he attempted to get out of the road of a coming ment ever framed by man. In the car. In this endeavor the wheel went under the car. In this endeavor the wheel went under the car. In this endeavor the wheel went under the car.

Next Tuesday night the Theers and the years, and the conspicuous place oc-Hurricanes are again to play a game of basket ball at the Y. M. C. A. These are the same teams that contested at the portance as a national symbol New Year's social Jan. 2nd.

Miss Grace Thomas leaves next Tuesday morning for Wilson, Iowa, for an extended visit with friends and relatives. Miss Grace has many friends here who will be sorry to learn of her leaving.

Jecuie West owned by the Jewett Farm, Cheney, Kan., touled a filly by Patchen of Constantinople. It occupied a place Wilkes, 8.550; on Jap. 13. This youngster 2:21 L. and Juliana, 2:30.

Mr. Waller withdrew the attachment yesterday which he had filed the day before against Baker & Baker, implement dealers on South Main street, for the re- ing America the wearers of the "liberty

Professor G. H. Blume is look ng mournful in consequence of the fact that Mrs. Blume and the children are visiting with triends this week in Wellington.

Mr. George Ross is lying seriously ith disease is the trouble.

Issac D. Duan of Jasper county, Indi-ana, is visiting his son, John C. Dunn. He will remain in the city a few days.

John Thomas of the Rock Island Lum ber company returned to the city yester day after a mouth's absence to Moline ou usiness for the firm. Mr. O. M. Diskinson left for Colorad-

Springs on Tuesday morning via the Santa Fe, after a pleasant visit with his sister, Mrs. J. F. McMillan. Miss Alice Kerr of Wellington, is visit

ing her sister Miss Nellie, of the Water-bury shortnessed school.

ANNOUNCEDIENTS.

NOTICE WIGHITA MUSICAL CLUB Every member of the choral department the expect to take part in "King R-ine" requested to be present at club rooms at 4:15 this afternoon.
MRS. L. W. CLAPP,
Choral Sec'y.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR CHAPTER.

The Aitar Chapter of St. John's church will meet at the residence of Miss Ids Rodolph this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every one requested to be present. Important business. ATTENTION, KNIGHTS TEMPLAIL Mt. Olivet Command ry No. 12, K. T. wili meet this, Friday, evening at 7:30 o'clock sharp, in regular conclave. Work in the order of the temple. A special invitation is hereby extended to all Kunghts Templar to be present.

H. L. GORDON, E. C.
J. A. HOLLINGER, Rec.

MRS. SPROUL'S DISCIPLINE. How She Induced Her Husband to Do a

Much-Needed Job.

Sailors are said to be more superstitious than other men, and it is certain Greece; Ernest, duke of Schleswigworld they gather many strange fannative village as "Cap'n Am," was no Romanoff. exception to the rule. His head was full of notions of the strangest and most foolish sort. He was possessed, too, by a spirit of indolence. So much all the neighbors knew, and good Mrs. Sproul, a loving and faithful wife, often found herself called upon to extenuate and apologize for comings in the eye of the public. .

"Cap'n Am is pufic'ly willin' to work riage. when he gits started," she would often say, "but I have to tackle him oncommon severe to start him."

After a time, however, it was noticed that Capt. Am had mended his ways and grown all at once very industrious. When Mrs. Sproul was spoken to about London News, by way of solving the the matter she gave the following ex-

"You see that ole lean-to on our house has needed shinglin' for a good spell and I had said everything to the cap'n to have him do it. But he kep' putterin' round and puttin' me off.

'He'd say when Awas fair it didn't need shinglin', and when it rained he couldn't do it. Some day's he'd git ready to go to work, an' then he'd remember he saw a crow flyin' alone, bein' a sure sign of foul weather, or else they were flyin' in circles an'

"Sometimes it was that he'd dreamt of bein' in deep water, an' then he wouldn't trust himself on the ruf for fear of accident.

"Well, one day he got fairly to work sudden an owl flew round the barn Company is looked forward to by our three times an' hooted. Down came Ambrose off the ruf an' hurried into the house. 'It's comin'-a terrible hurceptionably elever enterteiners will be ricane," he says. 'An owl hooten' in daylight is a sure sign."

out, though, but I jest left my work an' tuk a book to read. I kep' readin', an' by an' by the cap'n says: 'Ain't bout time for mess?

"I looked up kind of surprised an" says I: 'We don't want to bother much 'bout eatin' in sech a ter'ble gale as

"About two o'clock he got himself some bread an' milk, but he never driv another nail. I didn't git any regular while the specialties of Mezie Molynean, supper, an' the next mornin' I didn't git I said I dreamt of a white horse, to prove entertaining. Watch for the an'it was a sure sign of death, an' I hayseed street parade, the function the wanted to go decent in my bed while I

"He was in a ter'ble takin' to go over to the upper deestric' to the circus, but I said the chickens crowed before sundown, an' it was an indication of sudden tornadoes

"Well, bout ten o'clock I heard the an' then I got up an' prepared a good meal. He eat as though he enjoyed it. "That's all, she said, after a mo-

ment's silence, in which she smiled to herself. "Sence then he's been diff. at it, an all the crow-flyin' an owlhootin' in two counties couldn't skeer him into stoppin' "- Youth's Compan-

ORIGIN OF THE LIBERTY CAP.

Known as the Emblem of Freedom in the Days of the Roman Empire.

The "liberty cap," that bag-shaped head gear so often seen on the head of the goddess of liberty, and which surmounts the national colors on nearly all our silver coins, owes its origin to the Roman empire, where it was given to slaves as a sign of their manumis-The principal significance of the "liberty cap" to the American mind is Mr. Stringer was hauling a load of lum- not, however, its Roman origin, but successive doges of republican Venice. that "model of the most stable governder and the lumber was deposited on the lery full of portraits of the men who paying. cupied by the "liberty cap" these portraits shows its

of freedom. It rather heightens the significance of this ancient symbol in the minds of good Americans when it is remembered that Emperor Frederick Barbarossa humbled himself before a wearer of the "liberty cap, and that Andrea Dandolo wore it on the fourth crusade and at the conquest in the forefront of the advancing hosts is a full sister to Henrics, 2:15, Mary West, that in the early part of the fifteenth century swept the Dalmation towns and conquered the entire coast from the estuary of the Po to the isla id of Corfu. While Columbus was dis overcap" were acquiring Zante and Cyprus and when the first half of the halfstarved settlements on the Massachusetts coast were battling for existence

resisted a league of all the kings of Christendout was at the zenith of its glory. The "liberty cap" is not as con-spicuous in our national signs and symools as it was in those of the rulers of the Adriatic, vet in a modest way it immortalizes the greatest republic of. early times.-Philadelphia Press.

ONE FAMILY PROVIDED FOR. It Includes the Monarch of Every Eu-

Intimately as the ruling families of Europe were allied by blood and marriage in the middle of the sixteenth century, when Mary I. was queen of England, the present day displays still more intimate and widespread connections between them.

Take the English royal family as the starting point. It is connected, first, with Germany by Empress Frederick. The present emperor is Queen Victoria's grandson. The duke of Edinburg married into the Russian family. The prince of Wales married a princess of Denmark, which house is also connected with Russia. Denmark produced the present king

The representatives of the Wettin family have been, during the present reign, the prince of Wales, Ernest II., duke of Saxe-Coburg; Leopold II., king of Belgium; Ferdinand, prince of Bulgaria; Albert, king of Saxony; the king of Portugal, grandson of another prince of Coburg, who, by marrying the queen of Portugal, became king of that coun-

try. The English family again is connected with the Oldenburgs, thus bringing in the Scandinavian family. The king of Denmark's daughter is the princess

that in their journeyings round the Holstein, the grand duke of Oldenburg, and Alexander III., emperor of cies. Ambrose Sproul, known in his Russia. Alexander III. again is a In other directions, again, the em-

peror of Austria enters into this royal

family, and on his side also the grand

duke of Baden, the queen regent of Spain and her little boy king. In fact, there is not a royal family in Europe at the present day which is not more or less intimately connected with the rest by kindred or by mar-

MICROBES CARRIED BY BULLETS Taken from infected Flannel Through

Which the Projectile Was Fired. Some interesting experiments were lately made by Dr. Mesmer, says the question whether or not rifle bullets are liable to carry infection with them in their course of entry into the body. He made his trial with bullets which had been infected with germs of a particular kind, and the infected bullets were shot into tin boxes from distences varying from two hundred and twenty-five to two hundred and fifty meters-a meter being nearly three feet three and three-quarter inches. Inside the boxes was placed gelatine peptone in a sterilized or germless con-

dition, so that whatever germ developments were found in the peptone (which is a great growing medium for microbes) would be presumed to have come from the bullets. The tracks of the bullets through the gelatine were duly scrutinized, with the result that an' I begun to hev hope, when all of a in each case germ growth took place corresponding to the particular microbes with which the bullets had been respectively infected. In another series of investigations the bullets were made to pass through infected flannel before penetrating the gelatine, the bullets being of the ordinary kind. Here, again, microbic growths appeared in the gelatine, showing that the flannel had yielded up its microbes to the bullets as they traversed it. If noninfected and ordinary bullets were used the gelatine developed only the ordinary germ life, such as the air con-The bullet is, therefore, a germ carrier of a very decided kind, and it is also clear that if clothing is penetrated by a bullet prior to its entrance into the

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tissues the missile will be liable to

carry into the wound it makes the bac-

teria resident on the clothes.

Coarse Jokes and Risky Dancing Being Indulged In by Smart Girls Skirt dancing, high play and the perpetration of practical jokes seem to be the leading amusements of countryhouse parties in England, according to shingles slappin onto the lean-to lively, a recent chronicler quoted by the San Francisco Argonaut. He says: vember is preeminently the month for big shoots, and the country houses are full to overflowing at that time of the year. In quiet houses moderate hours are kept, gambling rent. When he has a job to do he goes for heavy stakes is at a discount and a certain sobrlety prevails from sunrise to sundown. In other houses, however, the fun waxes fast and for rious. No dancing is considered 'sport' unless it be of a nature imported from the Gaiety, such as the unforgettable pas de quatre. A few smart girls go so far as to take unto themselves the voluminous skirts of the serpentine frock and try to imitate Miss Lettie Lind's dexterities." After explaining that the serpentine skirts are made of "no less than a hundred yards of the very finest Chinese silk or crepe cut in triangular pieces to give the appearance of an infinity of yards," our authority resumes: "It is regrettable to add that under some roofs pretty heavy gambling is indulged in, and baccarat and nap with high stakes have as many women as men votaries, to say nothing of practical joking of a suspicionsly rowdy sort, such as apple-pie bed-making booby-trapping. A certain most distinguished lady amused herelf one whole evening by standing in a gallery and throwing pillows on the men's heads as they passed in and out of the smoking-room."

> amused himself by beating a handbag and mimicking the cries of a dog until a sympathetic man rushed at him and struck him so hard that he had ervsipelas, for which he sued for damages. The defense claimed that the mimicry was so perfect that there was nothing

Unkind Insinuation. "For heaven's sake, Belinda," groaned Mr. Outlayte, opening his sleepy eyes, do stop your lecturing! I'll put my fingers in my ears if you don't."

'I wouldn't if I were you," retorted his wide-awake sposse. "You'll get the republic from which we borrowed your fingers of your fingers caught in the cogs. "-Chi-



Terrace Park place is the aristocratic name that a shrewd real estate man has given to a row of suburban residences

Terrace Park place consists of thirteen dwellings. These dwellings were constructed by contract and are all

e has put up for rent

Jack Atherton, my best friend, with his wife, lives in 7 Terrace Park place. was there the morning after the great Fortescue diamond robbery. The papers had given much space, under the largest and most sensational headlines, the robbery, and I had read it through in all its details. My mind was full of this affair when I called on

"I bought me a new ring yesterday," said my friend, and proceeded to tell me why. "I never wear much jewelry," he said, "but like to own a little as an investment. This one cost me fifty dollars, and is certainly worth one hundred and fifty dollars. You must see it and admire it. I could not help seeing something of

the other contents of Jack's box, and I at once took him to task for his carelessness in keening so much property of that sort in his house, especially when it was not worn and used. Jack laughed at me. "The whole

boxful wouldn't sell for a thousand dollars," he said, "and the risk of taking and disposing of it is too great to make the speculation a paying one. I tell you. Dick, they can't play the Fortescue game on me!"

"Pshaw!" said I, "you would be no harder to rob than anyone else. Anyone could come in here, without the slightest difficulty, and take everything you've got.' "I'll bet you five hundred dollars on

" said Jack. "I'll take it." replied L. But I determined to teach Atherton a

lesson. I was going to rob his house, as a friendly proof of the truth of my

The night I selected was the darkest one I had ever known. The rain fell in torrents. I had purchased, from time to time, and in various places, an outfit that seemed to include all that was necessary. The last thing, procured only that day, was a good dark

At about midnight I climbed over the alley fence, and proceeded to light my dark lantern-or, rather, proceeded to To my intense disgust every match I had was so thoroughly water soaked that ignition proved absolutely

I threw away the dark lantern; I had to. I moved carefully onward toward the house, and stepped and stumbled on to and over every imaginable sort of rubbish and debris.

I found a basement window unfastened, absolutely unfastened. I hadn't thought of a thing like that, any furniture that morning, and won- Then suddenly he caught sight of the The circumstance almost took my breath away. I wondered rather re- sane if I had asked him? sentfully, if Jack had left it so on purpose, if this meant a trap of some sort

I opened the window and slipped in and let myself down as far as I could while holding on with my hands. I thieves might have had their own way swang my leg around, searchingly but with it." Out of the city! His room carefully. I felt nothing suspicions, unoccupied! H'm! the open window. An easy way out, No. 8. for a fellow in a hurry, might possibly be a great convenience later.

Then, I went upstairs. My progress was necessarily slow, for I had to be very careful. I think I was fully an hour in getting to the door of the room in which I expected to get Jack's box.

Slowly, fearfully, I had gotten to that door. I felt furtively about in the darkness, half hoping, I fear, that I should find it locked and be compelled to withdraw, But, on the contrary, it was not even closed; it stood wide open. And inside I could hear the slow and rhythmical breathing of the sleeping individual against whom the night attack was planned. There were several reasons for being glad that Jack's wife was absent at the senshore; and not the least important one was the fact I feared I should break down and surrender before I had finished the job I had in hand. I thought of that revolver Jack had mentioned and my blood run cold. But I had a good mental picture of the arrangement of the furniture in the room. I felt sure I could readily find my way to the fellow's dressing table where I expected to find the treasure of which I was in search. I sank noiselessly down upon my hands and knees and began a voyage of discovery that seemed to me fraught with more of doubt and danger than the great westward journey of Columbus could have seemed to him. I discovered a chair with my head! I hurt my shoulder on a table. Jack had evidently been extravagant in the way of getting new furniture and eccentric in the matter of placing it. After a time, however, I reached the dressing table; I got my hand on the big square

I crawled painfully out of the room. tiptoed cautiously dewnstairs, climbed at of the window which I left open chind me, found a gate in the rear fence which I easily opened from the inside and got away from the vicinity of Terrace Park place, while the rain still roared and the darkness was unbroken. When I reached my bachelor's quarters I put the precious box on -A ventriloquist in Lancashire my bureau. I undressed hurriedly and plunged into bed. It was almost noon when I awoke

I sprang out of bed and rushed over to where the box stood. It-it was different. It wasn't Jack's at all, but a much larger one. My limbs shook My hands trembled violently. I alelse to do, and the court sided with most fell down under the excitement him, not saying anything about costs. of the moment. The shock was terrible. But it was nothing to what was coming. I got out a heavy screw driver, one of the tools I had bought for my burglarizing exploit, and then decided not to take, and I pried the box open. Diamonds! diamonds! Great gems in the most exquisite settings. Rings, bracelets, necklaces, brooches, earrings! What a glory of flashing calling attention to myself in the beauty! And I lifted out tray after | matter.

tray, only to find each tray more and more emphatic the deeper I went. I had to sit down for a few minutes to get my breath and steady my nerves. I don't know how another man would have felt in my place. I felt as though the end of all earthly good had come for me. Who could be made to believe—

Breakfast had long been over, but a suitable meal had been kept warm for me, and my mail and the daily papers were at my place at the table. Usually I read my letters first. That morning I gave the preference to the newspapers. But there was not the slightest allusion to the theft of which I had been guilty-not a single line. I was disappointed-in much the way a man sentenced to be hanged would be if they postponed his execution for a day or two and neglected to speak to him about it. The mail contained an urgent invitation from Jack to come and lunch with him. He named one o'clock as the hour. I must see Jack; I must look into his eyes; could it be possible he had bought or borrowed those gems? Could it be that he intended playing some practical joke, far reaching in character, the results of which would be a salutary though temporarily un-

pleasant lesson to me? I arrived at Atherton's five minutes before the time he had named. He met me at the door. He thanked me for my promptness. One look into his face convinced me of one thing; he didn't suspect me of being in the house the night before; he knew nothing of what

He asked me up to his room. I went readily-eagerly-but like a man in a dream. The room was much as it had been a year before-not at all as I had found it last night; I almost caught myself asking him whether he'd sold

When a man has determination be may do much; when he adds plenty of money to that he can do all things. Within a week I had found a man who knew a man who knew a man who knew Lawrence. A series of "pro-gressive introductions" made me acquainted with him. When his family came home he invited me to dinner. accepted, went and had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and found Miss Adele Vinton, Mrs. Lawrence's sister, the

most charming woman I had ever met It took longer to get acquainted with Mr. Kingdon. There were more men in the chain, consisting of the "man who knew the man who knew the man," etc., in his case. On the whole, however, I liked him better. He was genial, open-hearted, witty, quick at repartee. I became almost as frequent a caller at his house as at Jack Ather

Kingdon took me to his place of busi ness in the city—a cory little office in which he loaned money, bought and sold real estate, etc. Lawrence was

evidently a gentleman of leisure. I found out nothing about the dis monds-nothing. You know I couldn't very well ask outright-or even hint very strongly!

Well, one night in early winter, when the double difficulties of my po sition had kept me awake until very late, I was awakened from my firs midnight slumber by hearing some-body in the room. I opened my eyes

He opened drawer after drawer, toss ing my belongings about in a manner



SHE HAD THE SATISFACTION OF KILLING HERSELF.

dered if he would have thought me in-

The box he had brought down to show me still stood on his dressing case. He laid his hand on it and called my attention to it. "And I was out of the city last night," he said, "and

found nothing dangerous. So I let go That settled the matter beyond any ing blind man's buff with me in the bors. I couldn't give a reasonable darkness. I placed it carefully under guess at a choice between No. 6 and

"I suppose," I suggested, "that you have made the acquaintance of your neighbors."

Jack looked at me with an amused glance, and with an air of superior wisdom. "You're exclusive, are you? But I

presume you know their names? Their respective lines of business?" Why, yes, I believe I do know as much as that. Kingdon lives at 6; he

has a wife; no other family. He is a

private broker, 1 understand, and "And at \$2" -"I don't know so much of them. Lawrence is the name. He has a wife and three or four children. Another woman, his wife's sister, I think, lives with them. He comes of an old family, I understand, and is the richest

man in the row. I never heard of his

having any business at atl." "All of them at home now?" "Bless you, no. Lawrence and Kingdon and myself are 'three in a row'lonely and deserted bachelors. The Lawrences are at the lakes, somewhere in Minnesota; Mrs. Kingdon is in the mountains, and you know Amy is at the

I took leave of Jack soon after and went home. The evening papers were as silent regarding the robbery as the morning papers had been. It puzzled and troubled me. A sense of impending danger seemed to fill the whole atmosphere. It seemed to me, in my fright, as though the work that must going on in silence would result in finding the guilty much more surely than any amount of noisy, newspaper aided search could have done. I went out, however, in the evening to call upon an official friend of mine, who would be likely to know if any secret investigations were on foot. If there were not, that meant at least respite and delay. If there were, and he talked freely to me, it meant that suspicion was looking elsewhere; if he wouldn't talk-well-that would mean that the situation was very serious: in that event I half believed I would cut the Gordian knot by giving myself up! "Nothing new in criminal business," he asserted, "beyond the regular busi-

ness with drunk and disorderly people -absolutely nothing." I offered up a silent prayer, asking that I might be as fortunate as the Fortescue rascal who had never been captured. Then I went home to think the thing over and the conclusion at which I arrived was this: I would get ac quainted with the Lawrences I would get acquainted with the Kingdons I could find out which family owned those jewels that reposed in the insecurity of my bureau drawer. I would find a way for getting them back into the house of the owner again without

a little, and got my hand on my revol ver. But really, I could not fire. I could kill the fellow. I remembered how I had felt when I was a burglar myself.

frantically. He opened it frenziedly. He gloated over the wealth in contained. "The Fortescue diamonds again." he said; "they are mine again! I'll take care they don't get into the hands of

box of diamonds. He caught at it

some other of the midnight fraternity after this.

He spoke guardedly; he spoke low: he muttered his words rather than arand dropped in. I then tried to find a doubt. Deceived by the night, the chair, which I did, after so long a storm, the appearance of the buildings search that it almost seemed as though at the back, I had failed to enter No. the furniture must be alive and play
7. I had robbed one of Jack's neigh
But I knew his voice. I shut my eyes entirely. I let the rassementance that the dains did not know, however, and the standard call of the standard two on my typewriter. I addressed it, of the year here by a number of men by means of the same machine, to the chief of police. I mailed it myself in a letter box, far from my own place of abode or any other locality connected with the affair. It was an anonymous letter and afforded no clew to the sender. But it told where the Fortes cue diamonds could probably be re-

covered. The police acted on the hint The man, a professional criminal, was taken at a disadvantage. Never theless he made a brave fight, and the officers had to shoot-shot him dead. He had one hand on the box of diamonds when he went down, his own weapon empty, with a half dozen bullet hole through him. His wife, a greater criminal than he, if that was possible, was more fortunate; she killed one of the officers who attempted her arrest; she had the satisfaction of killing her

The Lawrences? By no means. The Kingdons were the criminals. And Adele writes her last name Dan ton instead of Linton. And if she ever heard of the Fortescue diamonds at all, a thing I sometimes think is exceedingly unlikely, since the police had little to say regarding their recovery at 6 Terrace Park place, after th tragic death of the tenant, she doesn't suspect that they were stolen three times and that she married the mas

who was guilty once!

"Tommy, what are you howling about?" asked Pete Amsterdam, who had just entered his home in Harlem. "Mamma has been licking me. She

says I ain't no good," sobbed Tommy. "She is quite right." "And that when I grow up I'll be as big a loafer as my father," added Tom-

This last statement was not indorsed by Mr. Amsterdam - Texas Siftings.

One Point Abend. "I am sorry to have to tell you, sir," said the surgeon, after an examination, "that your leg has sustained a compound fracture. It will confine you to

our bed for about six weeks." "That's all right, doctor," replied the editor of the Spiketown Elizzard, cheerfully. "It's a clean scoop on the squint-eyed, round-shouldered, baldheaded old snipe that runs the Cyclone He never had a compound fracture of his leg in his life, darn him!"

"People With a History." "What was the romance connected with Hatton's grandmother to which he so constantly but vaguely refers?" "Her lover jilted her and she put ratpoison in his beer."-Judge.



MISSOURI SNAKE CATCHERS.

A Queer Industry Carried On Along the Mississippi.

The Reptiles Forsake the Low Lands is Where They Hibernate

The cool fall weather affords the careful observer a fine opportunity for noting one of the curious things in nature—the migration of snakes, says the Alton correspondent of the St. Louis Republic. These reptiles look up their winter quarters, and these quarters in this vicinity may be found in the bluffs which line the river bank above the city. All the snakes which spend the summer in the bottom lands of Missouri point, just opposite, make their way across the river to the bluffs, where they hibernate until the gentle breezes of spring thaw them out, when they slip down the shale and debris which underlie the bluffs and again

seek the lowlands. The crossing of the river is a very simple matter for them. They simply swim over, and many are killed by fishermen while making this crossing. An old resident of the bluffs above this city states that he has seen the time in November when the river could not be crossed in a skiff, especially in the middle of the day, when it was warmest, without at least a dozer snakes being seen swimming for the bluffs, and he has frequently killed a half dozen rattlesnakes with an oar

while going to and from Alton. A hunter along these bluffs lately saw an old man who appeared to be looking very intently at the water with a field-glass, and, curious to discover what it meant, joined bim at the edge of the water. The man had with him besides the field-glass a heavy sack and a curious pair of long wooden tongs, and in answer to questions said he was a snake catcher, watching the surface of the water the while.

Presently he sighted a snake swimming for shore a short distance above where he was standing, and proceeded to meet him with his tongs, with which he picked up the snake as he landed. It proved to be a black snake and was dropped into the sack without further ado. During the next hour ha caught two water snakes, a garter snake and a spreading adder. last he put in his sack and turned out the others, saying that they were "no

The old man had grown quite friendly by this time, and a visit, by invitation, was paid to his cabin boat, in the back room of which he had corraled over fifty live and hissing snakes, which he said he sold to a party Louis, who resold them to others for different purposes. The trick of catching them he had learned when a boy from Indians, who would come down to the bluffs and catch rattlesnakes as they crossed the river. These Indians used to catch them with boats, and sold them to a man at the fort. He had learned something that the Indians did not know, however, and that is that a man can catch more snake,

who appear to find recreation, excitement and profit in the occupation, while at the same time they are ridding the neighborhood of some very undesirable visitors and thus conferring a benefit on their fellowman.

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